

DOE OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY

Funding Opportunity Announcement Webinar

Powering Unelectrified Tribal Building(s) – 2022 (DE-FOA-0002771)

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Deployment Supervisor – Lizana Pierce



Lizana Pierce

Senior Engineer and Deployment Supervisor, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Colorado

Lizana Pierce is duty stationed in Colorado and serves as the principal engineering expert for the Director and Deputy Director on deployment programs. Mrs. Pierce is responsible for implementing the Office's Deployment Programs: Technical Assistance, Financial Assistance; and Education and Capacity Building.

Lizana has more than 25 years of experience in energy technologies, project development, and management, and has dedicated 20 of those years to assisting Indian tribes in developing their energy resources and building their human capacity to realize their energy visions.

Ms. Pierce holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Colorado State University, and she pursued a Master's in Business Administration through the University of Northern Colorado.



Meet the Deployment Team (Federal)

Tweedie Doe

Lead Project Officer, Colorado

As a project officer, Tweedie Doe serves as Project Officer, overseeing, reviewing, analyzing, and evaluating a diverse grants portfolio including cooperative agreements, awards, and projects involving energy development, efficiency, and use; reducing and stabilizing energy costs; development of Indian tribal energy and economic infrastructure relating to natural resource development; and electrification. Ms. Doe also serves as a financial assistance program resource to tribes.

Ms. Doe has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Washington, and a Master of Arts in International Studies with emphasis on economics and human rights from the University of Denver. She obtained her Project Management Professional (PMP) certification in 2013 and is certified as a Project Officer and Contracting Officer Representative.



Office of Indian Energy

The DOE Office of Indian Energy is charged by Congress under the **Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005** (Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005) to “**provide, direct, foster, coordinate, and implement energy planning, education, management, conservation, and delivery programs that –**

- (1) promote Indian tribal energy development, efficiency, and use;**
- (2) reduce or stabilize energy costs;**
- (3) enhance and strengthen Indian tribal energy and economic infrastructure** relating to natural resource development and electrification; and
- (4) bring electrical power and service to Indian land and the homes** of tribal members located on Indian lands or acquired, constructed, or improved (in whole or in part) with Federal funds.”



Clockwise from top right: **Seneca Nation's** (NY) 1.5 MW wind turbine, **Fort Yukon's** (AK) combined heat and powerhouse, **Coeur d'Alene Tribe's** (ID) Benewah Market energy efficiency project, **Sokaogon Chippewa Community** (WI) Housing Project, and **Chippewa Cree Tribe's** (MT) Residential Solar.

Meet the Team

Office of Indian Energy

Comprised of 14 Federal employees and 10 contractors

The Director, Deputy Director, Senior Advisor, Budget Officer, Communications Specialist, and Management Analyst (6 FTE's) and two (2) contractors located in Washington, DC.



The Deployment Supervisor, Deployment Specialist, a Project Officer and two Engineers (5 FTE's) and eight (8) contractors, duty-stationed in Golden, Colorado. Financial assistance support received through the DOE Golden Field Office.



AK Senior Policy Advisor and two (2) Engineers duty-stationed in Alaska.



Meet the Team



Deployment Program



Financial Assistance

We facilitate tribal energy project development through financial assistance (competitively awarded grants).



Technical Assistance

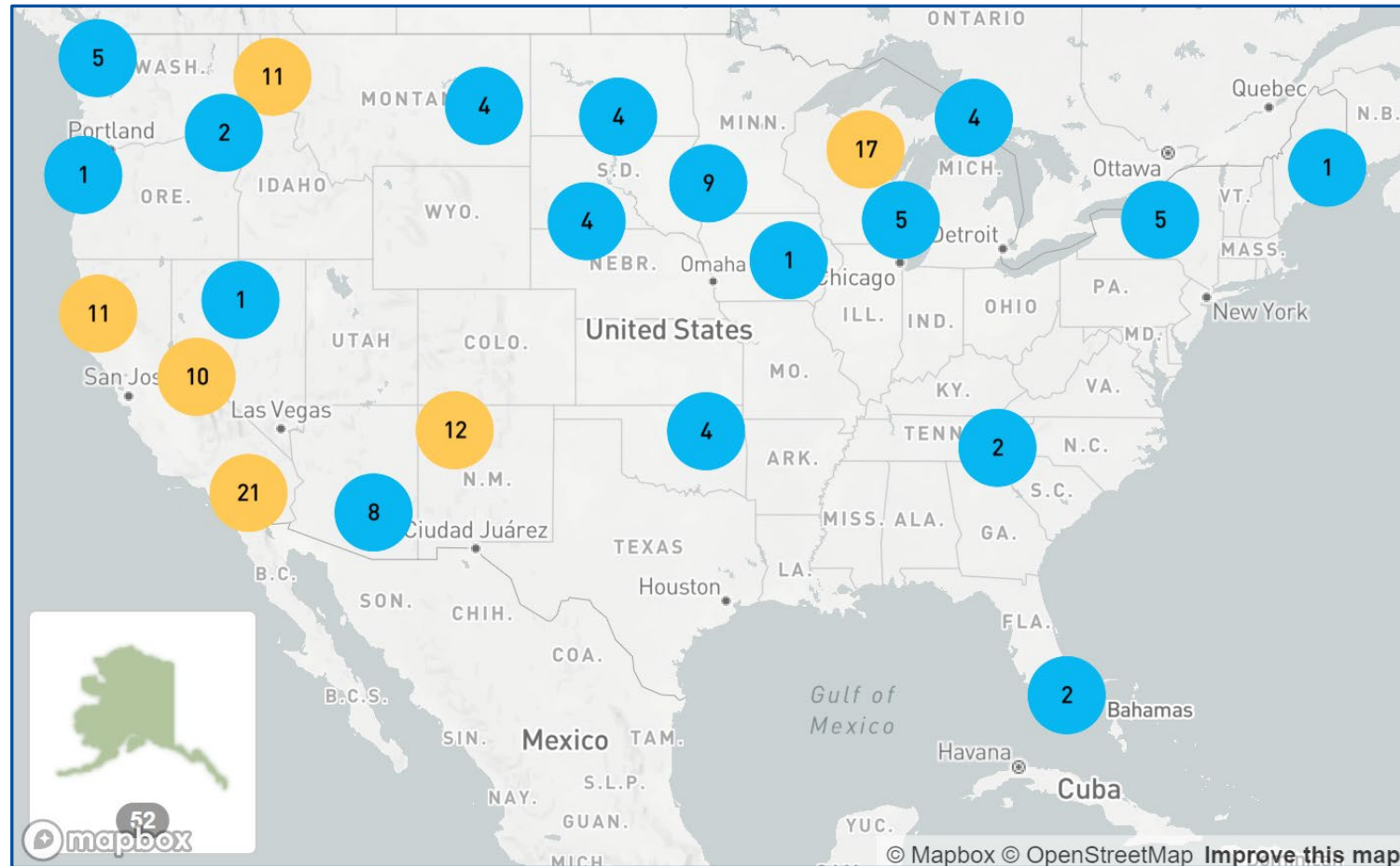
We provide federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, regional and village corporations, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy and infrastructure projects at no charge.



Education and Capacity Building

Thorough regional workshops, webinars, and college student internships, we support tribal efforts to build internal capacity to develop energy projects and navigate energy markets.

Invested over \$114 million in more than 200 tribal energy projects valued at nearly \$200 million (2010-2021)



Financial Assistance (2010-2021)

Tangible Results

- **More than 43 MW of New Generation Installed**
- **More than 10 MWh of Battery Storage Installed**
- **Over \$13.7 Million Saved Every Year**
- **Over \$295 Million Saved Over System Lifetimes**
- **\$3.46 Saved for Every DOE Dollar Invested**
- **Over 8,600 Tribal Buildings Affected**



Clockwise from top right: **Huslia Tribe Council (AK)** installed a community-scale biomass project to heat their community's buildings (2018); **Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians (CA)** installed a 1 MW solar; **Rosebud Sioux (SD)** solar system on low-income home (2016); **Fort Mojave Indian Tribe and Aha Macav Power Services** installed a 2.3 MW solar system; **Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AVEC) and Bethel Native Corporation's (BNC)** installed a 900-kW turbine to power the communities of Bethel and Oscarville, AK.

FOA Document, Forms & Templates, Frequently Asked Questions

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DE-FOA-0002771: POWERING UNELECTRIFIED TRIBAL BUILDING(S) - 2022

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[Apply](#)

Unless DOE approves a requested cost share reduction, a 20% cost share of the total allowable costs of the project (i.e., the sum of the DOE share, and the Recipient share of allowable costs equals the total allowable cost of the project) is required. If requested by the Applicant as part of its application, a cost share reduction to not less than 10% may be considered, based on poverty rate and median household income of the tribal community relative to the statewide median household income (see Section III.B.2. of the FOA and 'Application Forms and Templates' for this FOA on IE-Exchange).

DOE expects to make approximately \$15 million of federal funding available for new awards under this FOA, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on Congressional appropriations. DOE anticipates making approximately 4 to 10 awards under this FOA. DOE may issue awards in one, multiple, or none of the aforementioned topic areas.

See the FOA document for full description.

IE-Exchange is designed to enforce the deadlines specified in this FOA. The "Apply" and "Submit" buttons will be automatically disabled at the defined submission deadlines.

Applicants that experience issues with submission PRIOR to the FOA deadline (in the event that an Applicant experiences technical difficulties with a submission), the Applicant should contact the Exchange helpdesk for assistance (ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov). The Exchange helpdesk will assist Applicants in resolving issues. However, those Applicants who are unable to submit their applications because they are submitting them at the last minute, when network traffic is at its heaviest, will not be eligible for assistance from the Exchange helpdesk.

Informational Webinar:

The DOE Office of Indian Energy will conduct an informational webinar on December 1, 2022 (3:00 PM Eastern Time) to provide information on the FOA to potential applicants. In addition to describing the FOA, information will be provided on who is eligible to apply, what an application needs to include, cost share and other requirements, how to ask questions, and how applications will be selected for funding. If you are unable to attend the webinar, it will be recorded and posted for later

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DOCUMENTS

- [DE-FOA-0002771_Powering_Unelectrified_Tribal_Building\(s\)_ - 2022](#) (Last Updated: 10/28/2022 04:59 PM ET)

APPLICATION FORMS AND TEMPLATES

The following forms and templates may be used as part of the application submission. Note that these forms and templates do not necessarily constitute all the documents required for a complete application. Please refer to the 'Application and Submission Information' of the published announcement to learn more about the required application content requirements.

[View Application Forms and Templates](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

- TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov
Questions regarding the content of this FOA
- ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov
For questions related to the use of the IE Exchange website

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Responses to questions are posted to the [FAQs webpage](#).

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Full Application Submission Deadline: 2/23/2023 5:00 PM ET

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Full Application

- [Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\)](#) (Last Updated: 10/28/2022 03:06 PM ET)
- [Summary Slide](#) (Last Updated: 10/26/2022 04:44 PM ET)
- [Technical Volume](#) (Last Updated: 10/26/2022 04:45 PM ET)
- [Workplan](#) (Last Updated: 10/26/2022 04:45 PM ET)
- [Eligibility Statements and Evidence File \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\)](#) (Last Updated: 10/28/2022 03:07 PM ET)
- [Budget Justification Workbook form \(IE 540.132-01\)](#) (Last Updated: 10/28/2022 03:00 PM ET)
- [Subrecipient Budget Justification Workbook form \(IE 540.132-01\)](#) (Last Updated: 10/28/2022 03:00 PM ET)
- [Budget Support \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\)](#) (Last Updated: 10/26/2022 04:47 PM ET)
- [Cost Share Reduction Request \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\)](#) (Last Updated: 11/3/2022 02:34 PM ET)
- [Applicant Registration Certifications \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\)](#) (Last Updated: 10/26/2022 04:48 PM ET)
- [SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\)](#) (Last Updated: 9/26/2022 02:16 PM ET)

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Select a FOA to view questions and answers for the specific funding opportunity. Alternatively select "Non-FOA related items" to view system FAQ items.

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Question 1: Do the two FOA's released today fund electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) infrastructure?

Answer 1:

As stated in Section III.F. Questions Regarding Eligibility (page 25) of the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), "DOE will not make eligibility determinations for potential Applicants prior to the date on which applications to this FOA must be submitted. The decision of whether to submit an application in response to this FOA lies solely with the Applicant."

However, for your purposes in making that decision, we offer the following limited information provided in your question:

As described in Executive Summary (page 1) and Section III.C. of the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), Powering Unelectrified Tribal Building(s) – 2022 (DE-FOA-0002771), applications are being solicited for projects that would be unelectrified, by deploying (1) integrated energy system(s) (Topic Area 1) or (2) energy infrastructure (Topic Area 2).

Therefore, unless the EVSE infrastructure meets the intent of the FOA, it would not meet the intent of the FOA.

If this response does not fully answer your questions, please submit a comment, providing additional information.

Questions and answers will be posted here

Question 2: Can a tribal government apply if we are not a federally recognized tribe?

Answer 2:

No, tribal governments not federally recognized are not eligible for funding. Specifically, per Section III.A. of the Funding Opportunity Announcement (beginning on page 23) "eligibility for award under this FOA is restricted to: (1) an Indian Tribe; (2) Intertribal Organization; or (3) Tribal Energy Development Organization; and (4) on whose Tribal Lands the project(s) will be located.

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DE-FOA-0002775	Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE-FOA-0002774, Energy Infrastructure Deployment on Tribal Lands - 2022	Notice of Intent to Publish FOA (NOI)	Indian Energy

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POWERING UNELECTRIFIED TRIBAL BUILDING(S) - 2022

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

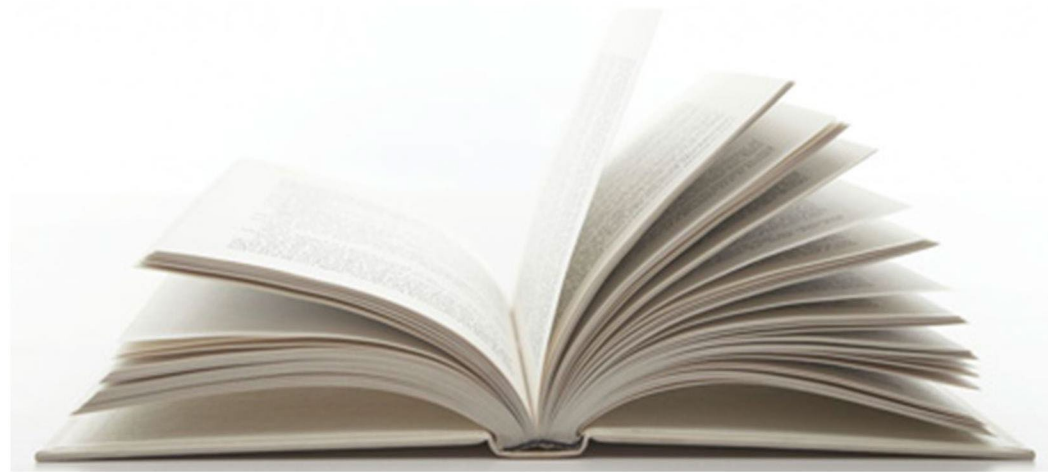
Number: DE-FOA-0002771

FOA Type: 0000

CFDA Number: 81.087

FOA Issue Date:	November 1, 2022
Informational Webinar:	December 1, 2022 at 3:00 pm Eastern Time
Submission Deadline for Applications:	February 23, 2023 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time
Expected Date for DOE Selection Notifications:	Late Spring/Early Summer 2023
Expected Timeframe for Award Negotiations	90 days after receipt of any requested supplemental information

Read the Funding Opportunity Announcement, then Read it Again



IE-Exchange and Grants.gov Registrations

- To apply to this FOA, **Applicants must register, create an account, and submit all required application documents to IE-Exchange** at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>. The Office of Indian Energy's online Application portal.
- A **Control Number** will be assigned while registering in IE-Exchange. Retain this number as it will be required on all application documents.
- The IE-Exchange registration does not have a delay; however, **the remaining registration requirements could take several weeks to process**.
- **Register in Grants.gov** (<http://www.grants.gov>) to receive automatic updates when Amendments to this FOA are posted.
- **Applications will only be accepted through IE-Exchange, not through Grants.gov.**

Other Registration Requirements

- All potential Applicants lacking a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number, or not yet registered with SAM or FedConnect **must complete those registrations prior to submitting an application.**
- Please see Part VI.B of the FOA (beginning on page 64 of the FOA document) for information on how to register in the above systems.
- **An authorized representative of the Applicant must certify that all system registrations have been completed, and that certification submitted as part of an application.**
- The Applicant Registration Certifications template is available under ‘Application Forms and Templates’ for this FOA on IE-Exchange at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>.

Notice

- All applicants are strongly encouraged to carefully read the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and adhere to the stated submission requirements.
- This presentation summarizes the contents of FOA. However, if there are any inconsistencies between the FOA and this presentation or statements from DOE or other personnel, the **FOA is the controlling document and applicants should rely solely on the FOA language or seek clarification from DOE.**
- If you believe there is an inconsistency, please contact us by sending an email to TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov.

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FOA Executive Summary

FOA Summary	The DOE Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations (hereafter referred collectively as “Indian Tribes”), Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations to provide electric power to Tribal Buildings, which otherwise would be unelectrified, by deploying (1) integrated energy system(s) (Topic Area 1) or (2) energy infrastructure (Topic Area 2). For purposes of this FOA, “unelectrified” means Tribal Buildings that are <u>not</u> connected to (1) the traditional centralized electric power grid, and <u>not</u> connected to (2) an integrated energy system(s) operating independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid. (See Section III.A. for eligibility information and Appendix A for the definitions).
Total Amount to be Awarded	Approximately \$15 million in federal funds. The actual level of funding will depend on Congressional appropriations. DOE anticipates making approximately 4 to 10 awards under this FOA. DOE may issue awards in one, multiple, or none of the Topic Areas.

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Award Amount (Minimum and Maximum)	DOE funding per individual award will range from: (1) <u>no</u> less than \$250,000 to a maximum of \$4,000,000 for Topic Area 1, and (2) <u>no</u> less than \$250,000 to a maximum of \$4,000,000 for Topic Area 2.
Types of Funding Agreements	Grants
Period of Performance	DOE anticipates making awards with a period of performance of approximately two (2) to four (4) years including the mandatory 12-month verification period.

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Eligible Applicants	<p>Pursuant to its authorizing statute, DOE's Office of Indian Energy will only consider applications from: (1) an Indian Tribe; (2) Intertribal Organization, or (3) Tribal Energy Development Organization; and (4) on whose Tribal Lands the project(s) will be located (see Section III.A., Eligibility Information, and Appendix A for further definition). Applications from a consortium of Indian Tribes (Tribal Consortium) will be accepted but must be submitted by a single Indian Tribe acting as the Applicant representing the Consortium. Applications may also be submitted on behalf of Indian Tribe(s) by an authorized Tribal Organization, provided evidence of that authority is supplied as part of the application. See Section III.A. for eligibility requirements and definitions. DOE will not make eligibility determinations for potential Applicants prior to the date on which applications to this FOA must be submitted. The decision of whether to submit an application in response to this FOA lies solely with the Applicant. All Applicants are required to submit eligibility statements that document and provide evidence of Applicant and land status eligibility to support DOE's eligibility determination.</p>
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FOA Executive Summary

Cost Share Requirement	A 20% cost share of the total allowable costs of the project (i.e., the sum of the DOE share, and the Recipient share of allowable costs equals the total allowable cost of the project) is required. All cost share <u>must</u> come from non-federal sources unless otherwise allowed by law (see Section III.B. for instances where additional federal funds can be used against the total project costs or as non-federal cost share, as allowed to by law). If requested by the Applicant as part of its application, a cost share reduction to <u>not</u> less than 10% may be considered, based on poverty rate and median household income of the tribal community relative to the statewide median household income (see Section III.B.2. and ‘Application Forms and Templates’ for this FOA on IE-Exchange).
Additional Consideration in the Selection for Funding	In addition to the ability to consider geographic and technology diversity, the optimum use of available DOE funding to achieve programmatic objectives, the Selection Official may, through the application of program policy factors (see Section V.C.), also give additional consideration in the selection of applications for funding to Applicants who have <u>not</u> previously received a grant from the Office of Indian Energy.

FOA Executive Summary

Technical Assistance	Within scope and budget, the DOE Office of Indian Energy may, upon request, provide technical assistance to all eligible Applicants who apply under this FOA and whose applications are comprehensively reviewed, but <u>not</u> selected for negotiation. Such technical assistance will be provided on a priority basis over those who request technical assistance but do <u>not</u> apply to this FOA.
Submission of Multiple Applications	Applicants may submit more than one application to this FOA (including more than one application under a particular Topic Area), provided <u>each</u> application is for a distinctively different project and each application addresses <u>only one Topic Area</u> . Each application <u>must</u> have a distinct title, unique Control Number as assigned by IE-Exchange during the registration process, and be readily distinguishable. Each application <u>must</u> be limited to a single unique and distinct project; unrelated projects <u>cannot</u> be consolidated in a single application.

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Means of Submission	Applications <u>must</u> be submitted through IE-Exchange at https://ie-exchange.energy.gov , DOE's online application portal. DOE will <u>not</u> review or consider applications submitted through other means. The IE-Exchange User Guide for Applicants is found at https://ie-exchange.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx .
Application Forms	Required forms and templates are available under 'Application Forms and Templates' for this FOA on IE-Exchange at https://ie-exchange.energy.gov .
Applicant Notification	DOE will notify <u>all</u> Applicants of its eligibility and selection determinations. The selection notification letter will inform the Applicant if its application was selected for award negotiations, or <u>not</u> . Alternatively, DOE may notify one or more Applicants that a final selection determination on a particular application(s) may be made at a later date, subject to congressional appropriations or other programmatic factors. Written feedback on all eligible applications will also be provided at the time of notification. Ineligible applications will <u>not</u> be reviewed or considered for award negotiations. If determined ineligible, the Contracting Officer will send a notification letter by email to the technical and administrative points of contact designated by the Applicant in IE-Exchange. The notification letter will state the basis upon which the application is ineligible and <u>not</u> considered for further review.

Requirements for Office of Indian Energy FOAs

The requirements included on pages 3 through 5 of the FOA are not all inclusive and cannot exclusively be relied upon as they do not reflect all evaluation factors and requirements for this FOA. **Applicants must read the entire FOA to determine the complete set of requirements under this FOA.**

- Pre-award Costs
- Registration Requirements
- Eligibility Statements and Evidence
- Applicant Tribal Council Resolution or Declaration of Commitment and Cost Sharing
- Participant Letters of Commitment and Cost Sharing
- Letters of Support
- Post Award Payment
- Post Award Reporting Requirements
- Equipment Title and Vested Interest
- Cost Share



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Required Application Documents

- Applications must include:

• Application for Federal Assistance Form SF-424

• Summary Slide

• Technical Volume - 15-page limit

• Workplan - 5-page limit, excluding the Milestone Table

• Eligibility Statements and Evidence

• Applicant Tribal Council Resolution or Declaration of Commitment and Cost Sharing File

• Participant Letters of Commitment and Cost Sharing File

• Resumes

• Budget Justification Workbook (IE 540.132-01)

Required Application Documents

- Continued:

- Subrecipient Budget Justification Workbook (IE 540.132-01)

- Budget Support

- Cost Share Reduction Request

- Applicant Registration Certifications

- SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

- Site and Resources Maps and Graphics File

- Studies and Analyses File

- Design and Engineering File

- Economics File

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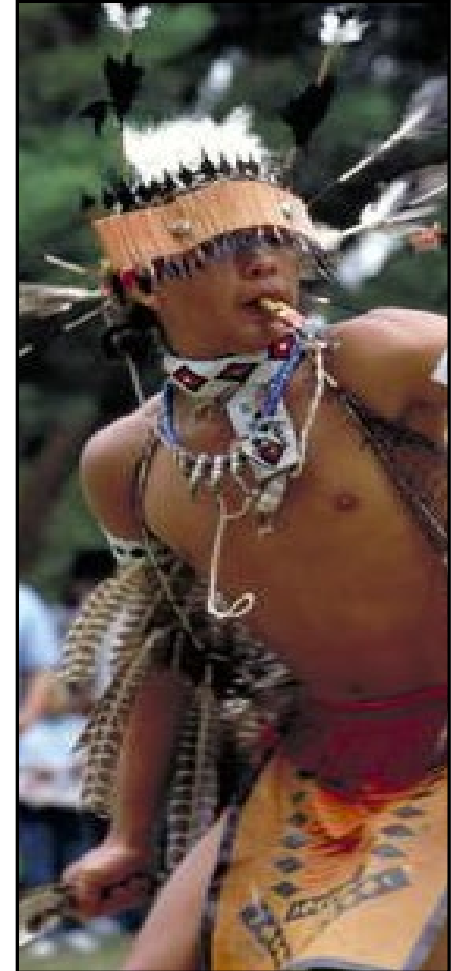
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2022 Funding Opportunity

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (or FOA) builds on efforts by DOE to accelerate the deployment of energy infrastructure on Tribal Lands.

Between 2010 and 2021, the DOE Office of Indian Energy invested over \$114 million in more than 200 tribal energy projects implemented across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. These projects, valued at nearly \$200 million, are leveraged by over \$80 million in recipient cost share.



2022 Funding Opportunity

Through this FOA, the DOE's Office of Indian Energy will continue its efforts to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives and help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions. In support of these objectives, the DOE Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications to deploy clean energy technology on Tribal Lands.

Specifically, DOE's Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from **Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations (hereafter referred collectively as "Indian Tribes"), Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations and on whose Tribal Lands the project(s) will be located**. Applications may also be submitted on behalf of Indian Tribe(s) by an authorized Tribal Organization, provided evidence of that authority is supplied as part of the application.



2022 Funding Opportunity – Topic Areas

POWERING UNELECTRIFIED TRIBAL BUILDING(S) - 2022 DE-FOA-0002771

The FOA is soliciting applications to provide electric power to Tribal Building(s), which otherwise would be unelectrified, by deploying

- 1) Integrated Energy System(s) for Electrification (Topic Area 1)
Or,
- 2) Energy Infrastructure for Electrification (Topic Area 2)

“**Electrification**” for the purposes of this FOA, means the process of providing electricity to unelectrified Tribal Buildings by (1) deploying integrated energy system(s) to operate independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid; or (2) deploying energy infrastructure to connect Tribal Buildings to the traditional centralized electric power grid.

Projects proposed under this FOA are intended for unelectrified Tribal Building(s), where “**unelectrified**” means Tribal Building(s) that are not connected to (1) the traditional centralized electric power grid, and not connected to (2) an integrated energy system(s) operating independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid.

2022 Funding Opportunity – Topic Areas

The requirements reflected in Topic Area Requirements may not be all inclusive and cannot be relied upon exclusively as they do not reflect all of the requirements for each Topic Area. **Applicants must read the entire FOA to determine the complete requirements for each Topic Area. See a more detailed description of each Topic Area below and definitions in Appendix A.**

Topic Area	Title	Tribal Lands	Building-Scale	Community-Scale	Grid-Connected	Un electrified	New Tribal Building(s)	Existing Tribal Building(s)	Comprehensive Feasibility Study	Integrated Energy System(s)	Energy Infrastructure	Estimated Energy Generated	Verification Period (12-months)	Commercially Proven Warranted
1	Integrated Energy System(s) for Electrification (Topic Area 1)	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
2	Energy Infrastructure for Electrification (Topic Area 2)	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X

FOA Description – Definitions

Projects proposed under this FOA are intended for unelectrified Tribal Building(s), where “**unelectrified**” means Tribal Building(s) that are

- (1) not connected to the traditional centralized electric power grid, and
- (2) not connected to an integrated energy system(s) operating independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid.



FOA Description – Definitions

“**Traditional centralized electric power grid**” refers to the main power grids in the continental United States:

- (1) the Eastern Interconnected System (Eastern Interconnect);
- (2) the Western Interconnected System (Western Interconnect); and
- (3) the Texas Interconnected System (Texas Interconnect); as well as
- (4) the interconnected grid system in Alaska that connects Anchorage, Fairbanks, and the Kenai Peninsula.



FOA Description – Definitions

- “**Tribal Building(s)**,” for the purposes of this FOA, is a single **or** multiple buildings located on Tribal Lands, where the eligible tribal entity has or has been granted certain rights and duties, specifically the ability to exercise authority, direction, and control over the project.
- Note that ownership may be private, collective, or common and some of those rights and duties may be held by different parties.
- Tribal Building(s) are those where the eligible tribal entity has the authority to augment or modify the building and where the building is owned by the eligible tribal entity **or** tribal members **or** tribal organization, **or** the eligible tribal entity has a long-term lease (as a minimum, for the useful life of the proposed project).



FOA Description –Topic Area 1

Under Topic Area 1, DOE is seeking applications for the deployment of integrated energy system(s) to electrify Tribal Buildings, which otherwise would be unelectrified.

“**Integrated Energy System(s)**” under Topic Area 1 must, as a minimum, provide power to Tribal Building(s) and include:

- (1) clean energy generating system(s);
- (2) controls and management system(s); and
- (3) energy storage system(s).

Such systems may also include (4) conventional energy generation device(s); however, conventional energy generation device(s) are eligible only if used *solely* as a dispatchable stand-by power source.

See definitions under Appendix A.



FOA Description – Definitions (Topic Area 1)

To be eligible under Topic Area 1, applications **must**:

- (1) Be based on a comprehensive feasibility study that clearly identifies the need, demonstrates the rationale for selecting the proposed integrated energy system(s) as opposed to other options, demonstrates the availability of the resource, demonstrates the technical viability and financial sustainability of the proposed integrated energy system(s), and the feasibility study is provided as part of the application;
- (2) Demonstrate the ability of the proposed integrated energy system(s) to meet the estimated electricity needs of the affected Tribal Building(s);
- (3) Demonstrate the ability of the proposed integrated energy system(s) to continually operate autonomously (independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid);
- (4) Demonstrate the benefits to the tribal members or families whose Tribal Building is being electrified;
- (5) Include a plan to educate and provide technical assistance to tribal members or families whose Tribal Building is being electrified;
- (6) Include a plan to operate and maintain the integrated energy system(s); and
- (7) Use commercially proven warrantied technology (see the definition of “commercially proven” and “warrantied” under Appendix A).

FOA Description – Topic Area 2

Under Topic Area 2, DOE is seeking applications for the deployment of energy infrastructure to electrify Tribal Buildings, which otherwise would be unelectrified.

“**Energy Infrastructure**” for purposes of this FOA, means electric power distribution technologies to transport electricity from the transmission system to individual consumers and may include, but is not limited to, distribution substations, circuits, circuit breakers, switchgear, busbars, distribution lines, distribution transformers, capacitors, voltage regulators, meters, and utility poles.



FOA Description – Topic Area 2

To be eligible under Topic Area 2, applications **must**:

- (1) Be based on a comprehensive feasibility study that clearly identifies the need, demonstrates the rationale for installing energy infrastructure as opposed to other options, demonstrates the availability of the energy source, demonstrates the technical and financial sustainability of the proposed energy infrastructure, and the feasibility study is provided as part of the application;
- (2) Include an estimate of the electricity needs of the affected unelectrified Tribal Building(s);
- (3) Include an estimate of the cost of electricity to those tribal members or families whose Tribal Building(s) is being electrified;
- (4) Demonstrate the benefits to the tribal members or families whose Tribal Building is being electrified;
- (5) Include a plan to educate and provide technical assistance to tribal members or families whose Tribal Building is being electrified;
- (6) Include a plan to operate and maintain the energy infrastructure; and
- (7) Use commercially proven warrantied technology (see the definition of “commercially proven” and “warrantied” under Appendix A).

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Applications Specifically Not of Interest

The following types of applications will be deemed nonresponsive and will not be reviewed or considered (See Section III.D. of the FOA):

- Applications that fall outside the technical parameters specified in Section I.B. of the FOA.
- Applications proposing studies, design, and engineering (excluding *final* design and engineering), or development (pre-construction) activities; or any other activity which does not directly result in the installation of equipment to generate electricity and/or heating or cooling, reduce energy use, or enhance energy storage and delivery infrastructure.
- Applications proposing the evaluation of product marketing opportunities, assessment of manufacturing opportunities, research, design, and engineering (excluding *final* design and engineering), product development, or the construction of manufacturing facilities or buildings.

Applications Specifically Not of Interest

- Applications proposing the cost of construction for a building(s) or structure(s) such as carports. Only the incremental costs associated with the installation of clean energy generating system(s), energy storage system(s), integrated energy system(s), or energy efficiency measures will be considered allocable to the proposed DOE funded project and not the cost of constructing the building(s) or structure(s), unless those structures are integral to the proposed project.
- Any application where the Applicant has already taken irreversible actions regarding the proposed DOE funded project, where the proposed DOE funded project consists of only the installation of clean energy generating system(s), integrated energy system(s), community energy storage, or energy efficiency measures, including irreversible actions related to the construction of a building(s) or structure(s) (such as a carport), if the building(s) or structure(s) are being built specifically to enable the DOE funded project. Irreversible actions relative to the proposed DOE funded project may include, but are not limited to, site clearing, groundbreaking, equipment or system purchase or installation, building renovation, and building retrofits.

Applications Specifically Not of Interest

- Applications proposing “energy conservation,” where “energy conservation,” for the purposes of this FOA, means decreasing energy consumption by using less energy or going without to save energy. Energy conservation typically involves a behavioral change and may include energy use monitors or other indicators to induce that behavioral change.
- Applications for commercial or utility-scale projects intended *solely* for revenue generation through the export of electricity off Tribal Lands for commercial sale.
- Applications proposing conventional energy generation device(s), unless used *solely* as dispatchable stand-by power source. A conventional energy generation device(s) is only eligible as dispatchable stand-by power source and only under Topic Area 1.
- Applications proposing the use of materials, supplies, or equipment which are not commercially proven and warranted.

Applications Specifically Not of Interest

- Applications proposing integrated energy system(s) or energy infrastructure for Tribal Building(s) that **are** connected to (1) the traditional centralized electric power grid, or **are** connected to (2) an integrated energy system(s) operating independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid.
- Applications proposing energy efficiency measures. As the purpose of this FOA is to provide electric power to Tribal Buildings, which otherwise would be unelectrified, energy efficiency measures are not of interest under this FOA. See FOA (DE-FOA-0002774), Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands – 2022, if installing energy efficiency measures is of interest.
- Applications exclusively proposing clean energy generating system(s) or energy storage system(s).

Applications Specifically Not of Interest

- Applications proposing construction as a primary activity. For the purpose of this FOA, “construction” is defined as, but not limited to, building, erecting, altering, remodeling, or repairing a particular building or structure, as well as making major renovations or additions to existing buildings or structures. Construction does not include the installation of equipment, such as energy generating systems, energy efficiency measures, energy storage systems, energy infrastructure, integrated energy systems, or activities ancillary to those installations. Projects that include construction as a primary activity will not be considered under this FOA unless such activity is integral to meeting the objectives of the FOA and only with prior written authorization from the Contracting Officer.

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Award Information

Total Amount to be Awarded	Approximately \$15 million in federal funds. The actual level of funding will depend on Congressional appropriations. DOE anticipates making approximately 4 to 10 awards under this FOA. DOE may issue awards in one, multiple, or none of the Topic Areas.
Award Amount (Minimum and Maximum)	DOE funding per individual award will range from: (1) <u>no</u> less than \$250,000 to a maximum of \$4,000,000 for Topic Area 1, and (2) <u>no</u> less than \$250,000 to a maximum of \$4,000,000 for Topic Area 2.
Period of Performance	DOE anticipates making awards with a period of performance of approximately two (2) to four (4) years including the mandatory 12-month verification period.

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Eligibility Information

Who's Eligible to Apply?

- All Applicants will be **required** to provide eligibility statements and evidence to support DOE's eligibility determination (see Section IV.C.5.)
- **DOE will not make sufficiency determinations prior to an application being submitted.** Applicants that do not meet the eligibility requirements under Section III.A. of the FOA will be deemed ineligible and their applications will not be reviewed or considered.
- In accordance with EAct 2005 authorities and consistent with [2 CFR § 910.126\(b\)](#), eligibility for award under this FOA is restricted to: (1) an **Indian Tribe**; (2) **Intertribal Organization**; or (3) **Tribal Energy Development Organization**; and (4) on whose **Tribal Lands** the project(s) will be located.

Eligibility Information

- “**Indian Tribe**,” for the purposes of this FOA and as defined in in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act ([25 U.S.C. § 5304](#)), means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act ([85 Stat. 688](#)) [[43 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.](#)], which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. See below for further definition.
- For the purposes of this FOA, an eligible Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community (including Alaska Native villages), must be federally recognized as listed in *Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs*, published by the Department of Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Federal Register on [January 28, 2022, 87 FR 19](#).

Eligibility Information

- “**Intertribal Organization**,” as defined for the purposes of this FOA, means any organization comprised of *two or more* Indian Tribes, established under Congressional, State, or Tribal law to act on behalf of the participating Indian Tribes.
- “**Intertribal Organizations**” may include, but are not limited to, intertribal councils, regional tribal organizations or associations, Alaska regional development organizations, and tribal federations.



Eligibility Information

3) “**Tribal Energy Development Organization**,” for purposes of this FOA, means:

- (a) any enterprise, partnership, consortium, corporation, or other type of business organization that is engaged in the development of energy resources and is wholly owned by an Indian tribe (including an organization incorporated pursuant to section 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934 ([25 U.S.C. § 5124](#)) (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization Act”) or section 3 of the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967, chapter 831, [25 U.S.C. § 5201, et seq.](#)) (commonly known as the ‘Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act’)); and

- (b) any “**organization**” of two or more entities, at least one of which is an Indian tribe, that has the written consent of the governing bodies of all Indian tribes participating in the organization to apply for a grant, loan, or other assistance under 2602 of EAct ([25 U.S.C. § 3502](#)) or to enter into a lease or business agreement with, or acquire a right-of-way from, an Indian tribe pursuant to subsection (a)(2)(A)(ii) or (b)(2)(B) of 2604 of EAct ([25 U.S.C. § 3504](#)), where “**organization**” means a partnership, joint venture, Limited Liability Company (LLC) or other unincorporated association or entity that is established to develop Indian energy resources.

Eligibility Information

To be eligible, proposed project(s) must also be Tribal Lands.

(4) **“Tribal Lands,”** for the purposes of this FOA, is defined as:

- (a) **“Indian land”**;
- (b) **lands held in fee simple** (purchased or owned) by an Indian Tribe, Intertribal Organization, Tribal Energy Development Organization, or other eligible Applicant;
- (c) **lands held under a long-term land lease** (as a minimum, for the useful life of the proposed project) by an Indian Tribe, Tribal Energy Development Organization, or other eligible Applicant; and
- (d) **land that was conveyed to a Native Corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.)** and *subsequently* conveyed to another entity, provided that entity is either a Native village or Tribal governmental entity or the land is held, invested, managed for and on behalf of a Native village or Tribal governmental entity.

Eligibility Information

“Indian land,” for purposes of this FOA, means –

- (a) any land which is located within the boundaries of an “Indian reservation” (see definition below), pueblo, or rancheria;
- (b) any land **not located within the boundaries of an Indian reservation, pueblo or rancheria, the title to which is held –**
 - (i) in trust by the United States for the benefit of an Indian tribe or an individual Indian;
 - (ii) by an Indian tribe or an individual Indian, subject to restriction against alienation under laws of the United States; or
 - (iii) by a dependent Indian community;
- (c) land that is owned by an Indian tribe and was **conveyed by the United States to a Native Corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.)**, or that was conveyed by the United States to a Native Corporation in exchange for such land;
- (d) **any land located in a census tract in which the majority of residents are Natives** (as defined in section 3(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1602(b))); and
- (e) **any land located in a census tract in which the majority of residents are persons who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Tribe or village.**

Eligibility Information

For the purposes of this FOA and as defined under Part 503 of EPO Act 2005, the term “**Indian reservation**” includes an Indian reservation in existence in any State or States as of the date of enactment of Title V of EPO Act 2005; a public domain Indian allotment; and a dependent Indian community located within the borders of the United States, regardless of whether the community is located on original or acquired territory of the community; or within or outside the boundaries of any State or States.

QUESTIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY

DOE will not make eligibility determinations for potential Applicants prior to the date on which applications to this FOA must be submitted. The decision of whether to submit an application in response to this FOA lies solely with the Applicant.



Eligibility Information

BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Federally assisted projects which involve infrastructure work, undertaken by applicable Recipient types, require that:

- All iron, steel, and manufactured products used in the infrastructure work are produced in the United States; and
- All construction materials used in the infrastructure work are manufactured in the United States.

Whether a given project must apply this requirement is project-specific and dependent on several factors, such as the Recipient's entity type, whether the work involves "infrastructure," as that term is defined in Section 70914 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and whether the infrastructure in question is publicly owned or serves a public function.



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Cost Sharing Requirements

Unless DOE approves a requested cost share reduction, all **Applicants are required to provide non-federal cost share of at least 20%** of the total allowable costs of the project (i.e., the sum of the Government share and the Recipient share of allowable costs equals the total allowable cost of the project).



Cost Sharing Requirements

Cost share reductions from the required 20% to 10% will be based on financial need, specifically

- (1) poverty rate, **or**
- (2) median household income of the tribal community as a percentage of statewide median household income.

To submit a Cost Share Reduction Request, see Section IV.C.12. and the Cost Share Reduction Request template under 'Application Forms and Templates' for this FOA on IE-Exchange at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>.

When requesting a cost share reduction, the Applicant must complete the Application, based on the requested cost share reduction amount and percentage.

However, if DOE does not approve the request for reduced cost share, the Applicant will be required to meet the statutory minimum cost share of 20%.



Cost Sharing Requirements

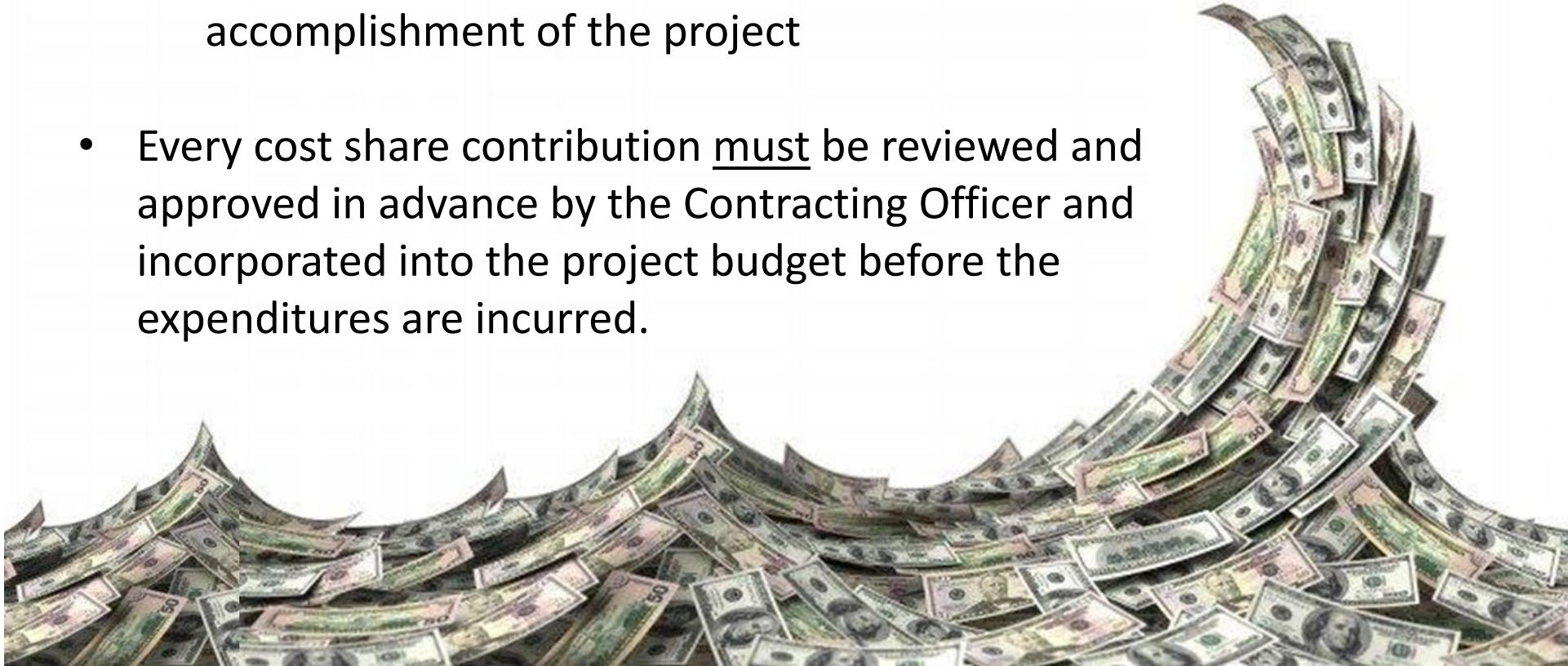
- All cost share must come from non-Federal sources unless otherwise allowed by law. See 2 CFR 200.306 and 2 CFR 910.130 for the applicable cost sharing requirements.
- Except for pre-award costs with prior DOE approval, only cost share contributions made **during the period of performance** of the grant, if awarded, can be considered.
- Costs incurred prior to award selection cannot be considered as cost share or for reimbursement by DOE.
- In addition, cost share must be available or accessible at the time of submission of the application, as described below.
- A written assurance (e.g., commitment) must be provided at the time of application submission. The written assurance (e.g., commitment) is a binding guarantee that funds are available or, with respect to the use of equipment, contributed labor hours, or unrecovered indirect costs, accessible.
- **Cost share commitments cannot be dependent on some future event, such as receiving a grant, obtaining a loan, or securing an investor.**

Cost Share Contributions

- Although the cost share requirement applies to the project as a whole (including work performed by members of the project team other than the Recipient), **the Recipient is ultimately and legally responsible for the entire amount of cost share, if an award is made.**
- In addition, if an award is made, cost share will be verified, once invoiced.
- Documentation for all costs (evidence of expenditures) associated with the project will be required with each and every request for reimbursement from DOE for DOE's portion of those costs.
- DOE requires Recipients to contribute the cost share amount incrementally over the life of the award, on an invoice-by-invoice basis. In limited circumstances, and where it is in the government's interest, the DOE Contracting Officer may approve a request by the Recipient to meet its cost share requirements on a less frequent basis.

Cost Share Contributions

- Contributions must be:
 - Specified in the project budget
 - Verifiable from the Recipient's records
 - Necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient accomplishment of the project
- Every cost share contribution must be reviewed and approved in advance by the Contracting Officer and incorporated into the project budget before the expenditures are incurred.



Cost Share Contributions

- **As all sources of cost share are considered part of total project costs, the cost share dollars will be scrutinized under the same Federal regulations as Federal dollars to the project.**



Allowable Cost Share

- Cost Share must be allowable and must be verifiable upon submission of the Application.
- Refer to the following applicable Federal cost principles:

Entity	Cost Principles
Educational Institutions	2 CFR Part 200 – Subpart E
State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments	2 CFR Part 200 – Subpart E
Non-profit Organizations	2 CFR Part 200 – Subpart E
For-profit Organizations	FAR Part 31

Allowable Cost Share

- **Cash Contributions**

May be provided by the Recipient, Subrecipients, or a Third Party

- **In-Kind Contributions**

Can include, but are not limited to:

- Contribution of time
- Unrecovered indirect costs
- Unrecovered facilities and administrative costs
- Rental value of buildings or equipment
- Value of a service, other resource, or third-party in-kind contribution.



Unallowable Cost Share

The Recipient may not use the following sources to meet its cost share obligations including, but not limited to:

- Revenues or royalties from the prospective operation of an activity beyond the project period;
- Proceeds from the prospective sale of an asset of an activity;
- Federal funding or property (e.g., federal grants, equipment owned by the federal government), unless allowed by law;
- Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) or other green attribute monetization funds;
- Any form of cost sharing received after the DOE grant period **or** those received prior to being selected for award under this FOA; and
- The same cash or in-kind contributions to meet cost share requirements for more than one project or program

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Content and Form of Applications

- Applications must include:

• Application for Federal Assistance Form SF-424

• Summary Slide

• Technical Volume - 15-page limit

• Workplan - 5-page limit, excluding the Milestone Table

• Eligibility Statements and Evidence

• Applicant Tribal Council Resolution or Declaration of Commitment and Cost Sharing File

• Participant Letters of Commitment and Cost Sharing File

• Resumes

• Budget Justification Workbook (IE 540.132-01)

Content and Form of Applications

- Continued:

- Subrecipient Budget Justification Workbook (IE 540.132-01)

- Budget Support

- Cost Share Reduction Request

- Applicant Registration Certifications

- SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

- Site and Resources Maps and Graphics File

- Studies and Analyses File

- Design and Engineering File

- Economics File

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Application Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must submit an Application by **February 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time**
- Applications are eligible for review only if:
 - The Applicant is an eligible entity (Section III.A of FOA)
 - The Cost Share requirement is satisfied (Section III.B of FOA)
 - The Application complies with the content, format, and submission requirements in Section IV.A and Section IV.C. of the FOA;
 - The Applicant successfully uploaded *all* required documents and clicked the “Submit” button in IE-Exchange by the deadline stated in the FOA.
 - The proposed project is responsive to the intent of the FOA (Section I and Section III.D of FOA)
 - The Application meets any other eligibility requirements identified in Section III of the FOA.
- DOE will **not** make eligibility determinations for potential Applicants prior to the date on which Applications to this FOA must be submitted. The decision whether to submit an Application in response to this FOA lies *solely* with the Applicant.

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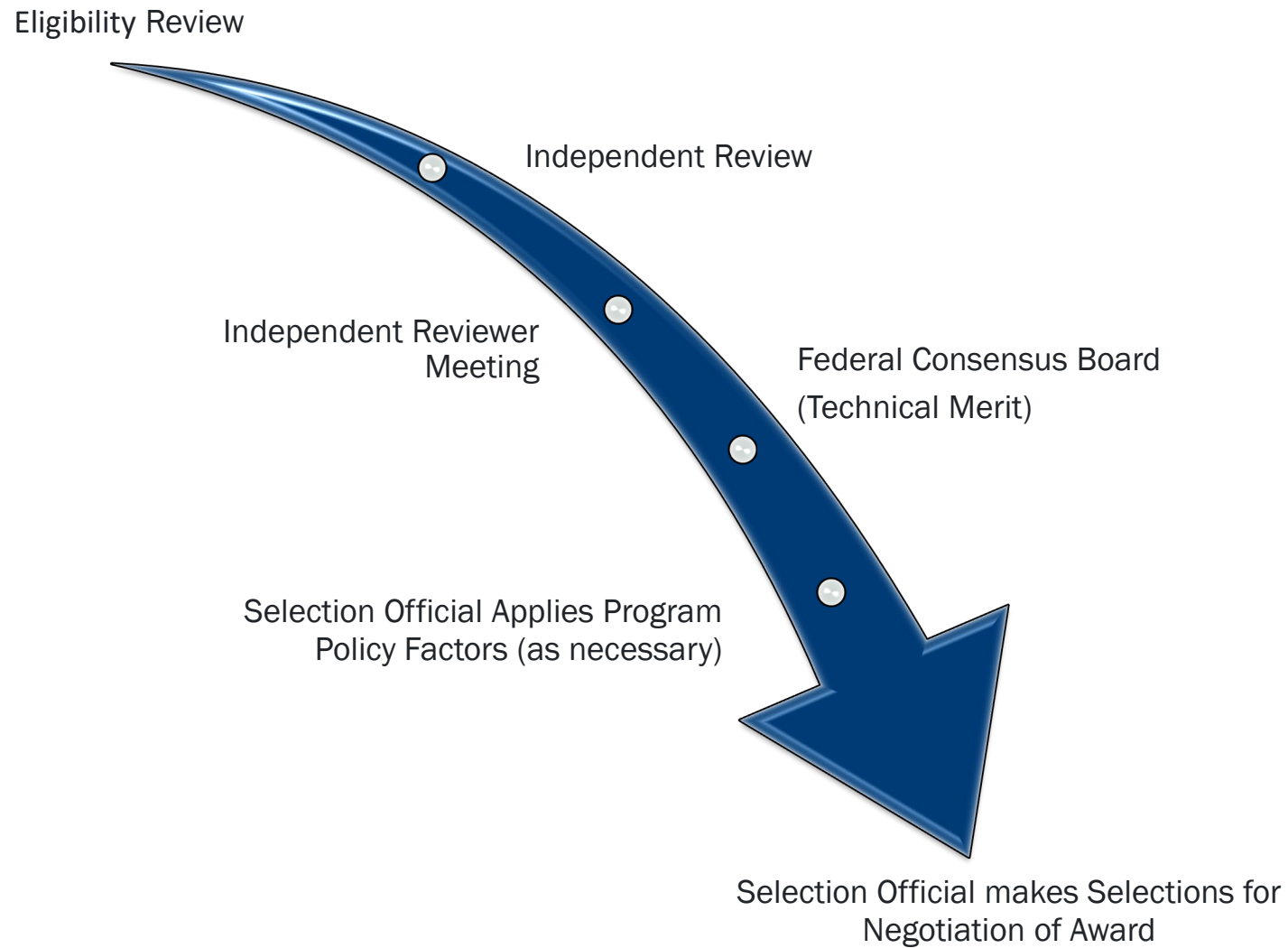
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Merit Review and Selection Process

- The Merit Review and Selection Process consists of a series of reviews including an initial eligibility review, rigorous technical review, and programmatic review.
- Rigorous technical reviews are conducted by reviewers that are experts in the subject matter of the FOA.
- Ultimately, the Selection Official considers the recommendations of the reviewers, along with other considerations such as program policy factors, to make selection decisions.

Merit Review Process



Technical Merit Review Criteria

Criterion	Weight
Criterion 1: Goals and Objectives	10%
Criterion 2: Project Description and Outcomes	50%
Criterion 3: Roles, Responsibilities, Capabilities and Commitment	30%
Criterion 4: Workplan	10%

Technical Review Criteria

Applications under all Topic Areas will be evaluated against the merit review criteria shown below. The sub-criteria under each criterion are of equal weight, unless otherwise specified.

Criterion 1: Goals and Objectives (10%)

- Clarity and completeness of the Executive Summary including:
 - Concise overview of the proposed project;
 - Description of the Indian Tribe, Intertribal Organization, or Tribal Energy Development Organization and if applicable, a description of the Tribal Organization submitting the application on behalf of the Indian Tribe, or Tribal Consortium, including the:
 - long-term energy goals and vision,
 - organizational structure, and
 - demographics;
 - and,
 - Discussion of the project goals and objectives, and how the project integrates into the vision and long-term goals of the Applicant.
- Extent to which the proposed project provides economic (e.g., money saved, jobs, etc.) and other benefits to the Indian Tribe(s) and tribal community.
- Soundness of the discussion of the need for and impact of DOE funding to the proposed project and the implications if not funded.

Technical Review Criteria - Continued

Criterion 2: Project Description and Outcomes (50%)

- Clarity and completeness of the detailed project description
- Technical viability of the proposed project, including
 - Adequacy of the feasibility study and availability of the renewable energy resource(s);
 - Viability of the design and availability of commercially proven energy technologies;
 - Reasonableness of the methodology to be used to install integrated energy system(s) or energy infrastructure;
 - Clarity and completeness of the discussion of barriers that could impede the project and reasonableness of the plan to overcome those barriers;
 - Reasonableness of the operation and maintenance (O&M) plan; and
 - Reasonableness of the plan to educate and provide technical assistance to tribal members or families whose Tribal Building is being electrified.

Technical Review Criteria - Continued

Criterion 2: Project Description and Outcomes (50%) – Continued

- Financial sustainability of the proposed project, including
 - Quality of the economic assessment.
- Significance of outcomes, including:
 - Benefits to the tribal members or families whose Tribal Building is being electrified;
 - Economic benefits (e.g., money saved, people trained, jobs created);
 - Environmental benefits (e.g., reduction in emissions); and
 - Other outcomes (e.g., replicability, resiliency, reliability, environmental stewardship, specific energy goal(s) met, step toward energy independence, number of Tribal Buildings electrified).

Technical Review Criteria - Continued

Criterion 3: Roles, Responsibilities, Capabilities and Commitment (30%)

- Soundness of the project management approach, including:
 - Organizational and individual roles and responsibilities;
 - Organizational relationships as evidenced by existing business or other agreements, if applicable.
 - Capabilities of the Applicant and participants to comprehensively address all aspects of the proposed project, including the reasonableness of any plan to obtain qualified Subrecipients or Vendors.
- Demonstrated level of commitment of the Applicant and each participating organization as evidenced by:
 - (1) Past energy-related efforts; and,
 - (2) Commitments to the proposed project as evidenced by Letters of Commitment.

Technical Review Criteria - Continued

Criterion 4: Workplan (10%)

- Clarity and completeness of the narrative description of each activity necessary to complete the project; and
- Likelihood of achieving project objectives through logical task structure.



Program Policy Factors

The Selection Official may consider the merit review recommendations, program policy factors, and the amount of funds available in arriving at selection decisions under this FOA.



Program Policy Factors

In addition to the Technical Review Criteria, the Selection Official may consider the following program policy factors (in no particular order) in determining which applications to select for award negotiations:

- The degree to which the proposed project, or group of projects, represent a desired **geographic distribution** (considering past awards and current applications);
- The degree to which the proposed project, or group of projects, represent a desired **technology diversity** (considering past awards and current applications);
- The degree to which the proposed project, including proposed cost share, **optimizes the use of available DOE funding** to achieve programmatic objectives; and
- Applicants who have **not previously received a grant from the Office of Indian Energy**.

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Registration Requirements

- To apply to this FOA, Applicants must register, create an account, and submit applications through IE-Exchange at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>. Applications will only be accepted through IE-Exchange.
- **A control number will be assigned while registering in IE-Exchange. Retain this number as it will be required on all application documents.**

Registration Requirement	Website
UEI Number	https://www.sam.gov
SAM	https://www.sam.gov
FedConnect	https://www.fedconnect.net
Grants.gov	http://www.grants.gov

- The Applicant will be required to certify that these registrations have been completed and to include that certification as part of their application. Therefore, it is essential that these registrations be completed as soon as possible as some may take several weeks to process.
- Failure to complete the registrations below prior to submitting an application could result in DOE determining that the Applicant is not qualified to receive a federal award.

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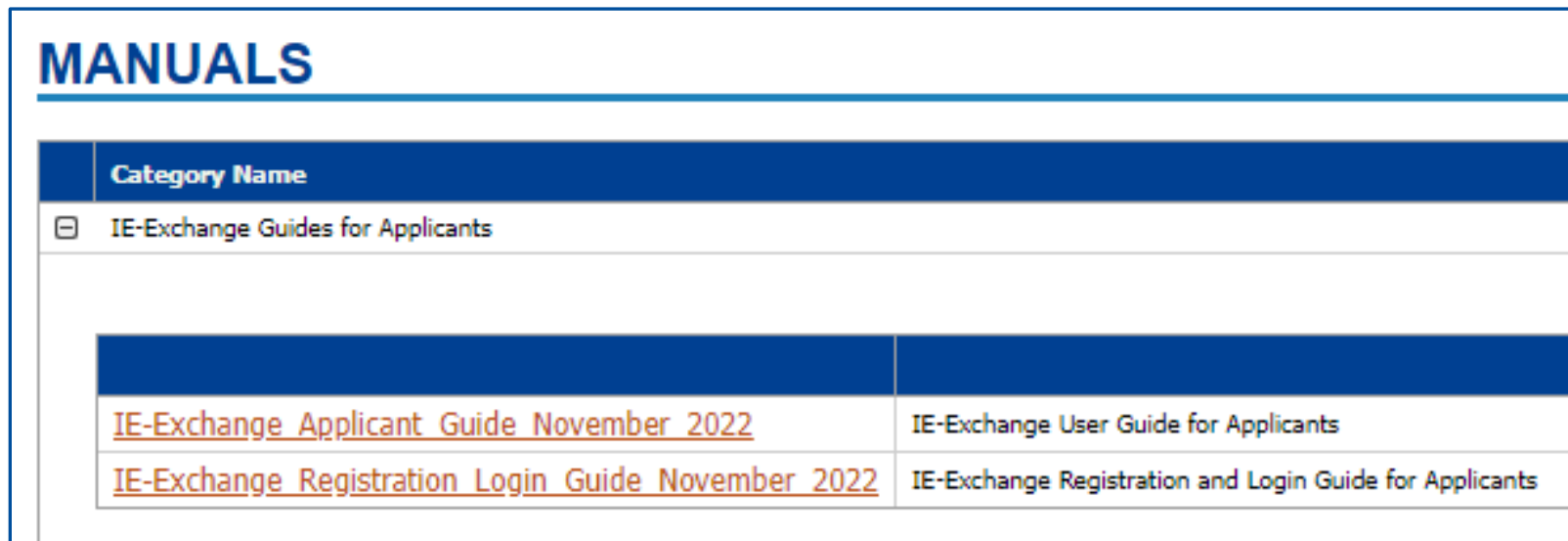
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Means of Submission

- Applications **must** be submitted through IE-Exchange at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>
- DOE will not review or consider applications submitted through any other means
- An *IE-Exchange Applicant Guide* and an *IE-Exchange Registration and Login Guide* can be found at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx>.



The screenshot shows a web page titled "MANUALS" with a table of guides. The table has a header row with "Category Name" and a sub-header row for "IE-Exchange Guides for Applicants". Below this, there are two rows of guides, each with a link and a description.

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IE-Exchange Guides for Applicants	
IE-Exchange Applicant Guide November 2022	IE-Exchange User Guide for Applicants
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Key Submission Points

- Check entries in IE-Exchange
 - Submissions could be deemed ineligible due to an incorrect entry
- DOE strongly encourages Applicants to submit applications 1-2 days prior to the deadline to allow for full upload of application documents and to avoid any potential technical issues.
- Make sure you push the submit button
 - Any changes made after you push the submit button will un-submit your application and you will need to push the submit button again
- For your records, print out the IE-Exchange Confirmation page at each step, which contains the application's Control Number.



Key Submission Points

Protected Personally Identifiable Information

All information provided by the Applicant must to the greatest extent possible exclude Personally Identifiable Information (PII). The term “personally identifiable information” refers to information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their name, social security number, biometric records, etc. alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother’s maiden name, etc. (See OMB Memorandum M-07-16 dated May 22, 2007, found at:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/fy2007/m07-16.pdf>

By way of example, Applicants must screen resumes to ensure that they do not contain PII such as personal addresses, phone/cell numbers, personal emails, or social security numbers. In short, if the PII is not essential to the application, it should not be in the application.

Applicant Points-of-Contact

- Applicants must designate primary and backup points-of-contact in IE-Exchange with whom DOE will communicate during the process.
- These are the contacts that will be used to notify applicants of whether their applications was deemed non-responsive, non-compliant, unsuccessful, or selected for negotiation of an award.



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- Questions about this FOA?
 - Email TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov
 - All Q&As related to this FOA will be posted on the IE-Exchange website. See the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for this particular FOA.
 - DOE will attempt to respond to questions within 3 business days, unless a similar Q&A has already been posted on the website.
 - You will be notified via email when a response to your question has been posted.



Questions

- Problems logging into IE-Exchange or uploading and submitting application documents to IE-Exchange?
 - Email Exchange helpdesk at ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov
 - Include the FOA name and number in the subject line
- Questions about this specific FOA?
 - All questions must be in writing.
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- Please download the Funding Opportunity Announcement and read it thoroughly so you understand all the steps and requirements for submitting an application. Do not rely solely on this webinar.
- If you are considering submitting an application, please register in IE-Exchange as soon as possible to obtain a Control Number. This control number must be included on all application documents.
- Check the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on IE-Exchange periodically for any supplemental information or amendments to the FOA.

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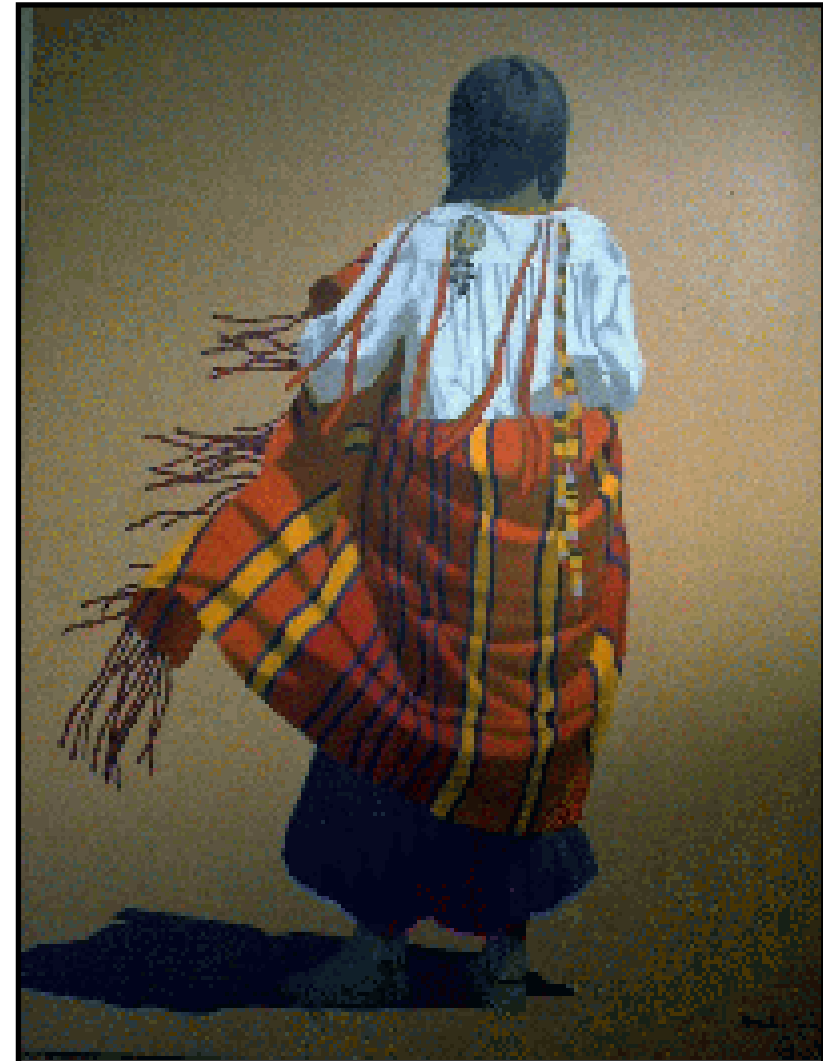
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